



October 12, 2012

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: **Ex parte filing** in WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 11, Steve Merriam from Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. (ASTAC) and Matthew Tycksen and the undersigned from GVNW Consulting, Inc. (GVNW) conducted an ex parte meeting with Nicholas Degani from Commissioner Pai's office.

This ex parte meeting consisted of a discussion of the September 25 expedited data waiver request related to regression input errors for ASTAC. We also discussed that the Arctic Slope service area is larger than the state of Minnesota, creating extreme construction and maintenance challenges.

As required by the Commission's rules, this ex parte record is now filed in the above referenced docket. If there are any questions, please call me on 503.612.4409.

Respectfully submitted,

Via ECFS 10/12/12

Jeffrey H. Smith
Vice-President and Division Manager, Western Region
Chairman of the Board of Directors

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Nicholas Degani, FCC
Steve Merriam, Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative

Paper copy of Arctic Construction and Maintenance Challenges on the North Slope exhibit